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## **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

The Applicant thanks the Office for the careful consideration given to their application in the communication mailed 06/06/2006. In that communication, claim 20 was allowed and claims 1-3, 6, 9, 15, 21, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Walters (U.S. Pat. No. 4,413,758). Claims 4, 5, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walters. Claims 7, 8, 10-14, and 16-19 were objected to as being depending on a rejected claim base, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this amendment, Applicant has canceled the claims that were rejected and re-written the claims that were objected to. Applicants suggest that all remaining claims are allowable, and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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